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## VIA EFILING AND HAND DELIVERY

Mr. Charles Terreni Chief Clerk/Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina P.O. Drawer 11649 Columbia, SC 29211

IN RE:

Application of FTC Communications, Incorporated d/b/a Farmers Long Distance (FLD), Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Incorporated (FTC), and FTC Diversified Services, Inc. (FTC-D) for Approval of Transfer of Customer Base and for Expansion of Authority of FTC-D to Include the Authority to Provide Resold Interexchange Telecommunications Services in South Carolina, and for Approval of FTC's Interexchange Telecommunications

Tariff Adopting FLD's Rates, Terms and Conditions

P.O. Box 11263 Columbia, S.C. 29211

**Docket No. 2007-336-C** 

## Dear Mr. Terreni:

On September 13, 2007, FTC Communications, Inc. d/b/a Farmers Long Distance (FLD), Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (FTC), and FTC Diversified Services, Inc. (FTC-D) applied for approval of a transfer of FLD's customer base and for an expansion of FTC-D's authority to include the provision of resold interexchange telecommunications services in South Carolina. The applicants also requested approval of FTC's interexchange telecommunications tariff adopting FLD's rates, terms, and conditions.

The Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) has reviewed the application and has no objection to the transfer of the customer base, expanding FTC-D's authority to allow the provision of interexchange services, or to the interexchange telecommunications tariff subject to the following condition.

ORS respectfully requests the Public Service Commission (Commission) require FTC and FTC-D to assume any financial obligations of FLD to the intrastate Universal Service Fund and the Interim LEC fund due to the transfer of FLD's customer base.

Please accept the original of this letter for filing and return the copy enclosed to me in the envelope provided. Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If further information is needed, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

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